

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) A method of applying glue to a moving web utilizing a system that includes a glue nozzle coupled to a glue reservoir, the glue nozzle comprising a tip having an outlet opening arranged to apply glue to the moving web, and a device that delivers a substance to a region of the outlet opening, wherein the device is a tube whose tip is arranged adjacent the tip of the glue nozzle, the method comprising:

applying the glue onto the moving web while the moving web moves along a direction;

feeding the substance behind the outlet opening relative to the direction; and

at least one of:

controlling an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web;

and

regulating an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web via a measuring unit; and

liquefying the glue after the applying.

19. (Previously Presented) A method of applying glue to a moving web utilizing a system that includes a glue nozzle coupled to a glue reservoir, the glue nozzle comprising a tip having an outlet opening arranged to apply glue to the moving web, and a device that delivers a substance to a region of the outlet opening, wherein the device is a tube whose tip is arranged adjacent the tip of the glue nozzle, the method comprising:

applying the glue onto the moving web while the moving web moves along a direction;

feeding the substance behind the outlet opening relative to the direction;

at least one of:

controlling an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web;

and

regulating an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web via a measuring unit; and

liquefying the glue after the glue is applied to the moving web,

wherein the substance comprises at least one of a substance adapted to liquefy the glue, a low-viscosity fluid, water, and water vapor.

Claims 20-30 (Canceled).

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein an internal passage of the tube is smaller than an internal passage of the glue nozzle.